



Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: Mayor Chuck Reed

SUBJECT: OAC Appointments

DATE: August 22, 2013

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8/22/13

RECOMMENDATION

Agendize the following for the City Council meeting of September 10, 2013:

Appointment of Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio and Councilmember Donald Rocha to serve as the City of San José representatives to the Santa Clara County Operational Area Committee.

BACKGROUND

The State of California designates counties as operational areas for the purposes of emergency planning and operations. An operational area serves as a link in a system of communications and coordination between the State's emergency operations center (State EOC) and the EOCs of the political subdivisions within the county. Locally, Santa Clara County is designated by the State as an operational area with responsibility for communications and coordination work that includes the cities, VTA and the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

In the last year, the County convened a stakeholders' task force with a goal of updating and improving the work the local operational area. San José's was represented on the task force by the Director of Emergency Services and the Mayor's Senior Policy Advisor/Public Information Officer.

Following the conclusion of the task force's work, on June 4, 2013, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors enacted an ordinance (attached) creating the Santa Clara County Operational Area Committee.

Under the ordinance, the Santa Clara County Disaster Council and Santa Clara County Emergency Preparedness Council and Approval Authority would be merged into the new OAC. Five seats on the OAC are designated to elected officials from cities in the County, with two of those seats for San José. The first meeting of the OAC will be held on September 17.

Councilmember Rocha has been the City's representative to the Emergency Preparedness Council. Councilmember Oliverio serves on the Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority.